

## Mayor's Message

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We have been struggling the last few years to find bright spots in our economic picture. Fortunately, there are positive lights that are beginning to shine around Murray City. Here are a few places to keep your eyes on during the next few months.

If you have had the opportunity to visit Fashion Place Mall recently, you will understand what I mean. Red Rock Place just opened for business as a 320-seat eatery. In the next few months Brighton Collectibles, Crate & Barrel, H&M and Brio Tuscan Grill will also cut ribbons and welcome new patrons. Fashion Place Mall is a vibrant, beautiful spot with wonderful shopping variety. Across the street to the west, a new HomeGoods store is now open.

Car dealerships are making a comeback in a big way here in Murray. The Larry H. Miller Group has been working on a make-over for their locations on the west side of State Street between 5460 South and 5800 South. They have opened both new Chevrolet and Toyota dealerships and are currently constructing a Honda store near them. I am impressed with all the state-of-the-art improvements they are making, as well as their commitment to their Murray roots in creating their own style of auto row. BMW of Murray is also beginning construction of a new Mini dealership around 4700 South State on the east side of the street.

We are participating in a process with Salt Lake County to apply for funding for a possible Performing Art Center that may be built in the historic downtown. This is a great opportunity to partner on this project and we are hopeful it will be a catalyst to begin the process to revitalize this area. There has been interest from several hotel groups who would like to build close to the hospital and we are working with them. A beautiful new medical office building may soon be under construction on the north side of the Intermountain Medical Hospital campus.

Redevelopment is underway in the Fireclay area of the City, about Main Street and 4400 South. Fireclay Village will be constructing an overpass crossing 4500 South as an additional access to the housing development they are building. I am very optimistic about the future of this area.

In the next few weeks the students who attend Woodstock Elementary School will have a new building to enjoy. Granite District has rebuilt the new school on the site of the previous school and it will serve our children very well.

I am looking forward to enjoying the benefits of these new bright spots to the fabric of our great community. As you are out and about in the City, I hope you will watch for these additions and make plans to take advantage of them yourself as they are completed.